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RELATIONS

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER CHARUNPHAN ITSARANGKUN NA AYUTTHAYA  
GAVE A NEWS CONFERENCE ON DECEMBER 16. THE FOLLOWING ARE  
EXCERPTS FROM AN INFORMAL USIS TRANSLATION OF CHARUNPHAN'S  
REMARKS ON THAI-NORTH VIETNAMESE RELATIONS.

BEGIN EXCERPTS

"REPORTER: HAVE YOU REPLIED TO THE LETTER OF THE NORTH  
VIETNAMESE CABINET MINISTER YET?

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CHARUNPHAN: NOT YET. I HAVEN'T ANSWERED IT YET.

REPORTER: WHEN WILL YOU ANSWER IT?

CHARUNPHAN: AS SOON AS I CAN.

REPORTER: WHAT FACTS OF IMPORTANCE DO YOU THINK THERE ARE THAT WE SHOULD INFORM HIM OF IN OUR ANSWER?

CHARUNPHAN: FACTS OF IMPORTANCE IN HIS LETTER WHICH WE MUST ANSWER ....

REPORTER: DO THEY CONCERN THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN MILITARY FORCES IN THAILAND ALSO?

CHARUNPHAN: WHEN TAKING THE INITIATIVE IN HAVING RELATIONS AND IN PROMOTING GOOD UNDERSTANDING, WE MUST TAKE UP FOR CONSIDERATION IN WHAT WAY OUR ANSWER SHOULD BE FRAMED, AND AFTER A DECISION IS MADE AND THE ANSWER IS WRITTEN AND SIGNED, WHEN IT SHOULD BE SENT. I WILL INFORM YOU OF THE ANSWER LATER BECAUSE I HAVE HEARD THAT HE RELEASED THE REPORT REGARDING THE LETTER HE SENT.

REPORTER: DO YOU THINK THAT YOU WILL SEND YOUR ANSWER WITHIN THIS WEEK?

CHARUNPHAN: IT MIGHT BE, BUT AT LATEST IT SHOULD BE SOME TIME NEXT WEEK, BECAUSE ... I CANNOT ANSWER THE LETTER ON MY OWN INITIATIVE.

REPORTER: WILL IT HAVE TO BE BROUGHT UP FOR CONSULTATION IN A CABINET MEETING?

CHARUNPHAN: I WILL HAVE TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

REPORTER: AFTER SENDING THIS LETTER TO YOU, HAS CONTACT BEEN MADE IN ANY OTHER WAYS?

CHARUNPHAN: NO. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT I WAS ASKED WHETHER I KNEW THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD SENT SOMEBODY UNCLASSIFIED

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TO HANOI. I ASKED THE PRIME MINISTER AND HE STATED, "SHOULD I TAKE ANY ACTION I WOULD HAVE TO INFORM YOU FIRST."

REPORTER: HAS THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ENTRUSTED ANY SPECIAL MISSION TO OUR NEW AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA (DR. ARUN PHANUPHONG)?

CHARUNPHAN: THE MAIN OBJECTIVE ENTRUSTED TO HIM IS TO

PROMOTE GOOD UNDERSTANDING AND MUTUAL GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN  
OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I ENTRUSTED HIM WITH THE PRINCIPLE  
OF ENDEAVORING TO PERSUADE THE SOVIET UNION TO PLAY  
A ROLE OF PEACE, OR IN OTHER WORDS TO PROMOTE PEACE AND  
ORDER IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. THIS IS BECAUSE I FEEL  
THAT RUSSIA COULD PLAY A ROLE.

REPORTER: DID YOU ENTRUST AMBASSADOR ARUN WITH ANY  
ACTIVITY TO TAKE IN REGARD TO NORTH VIETNAM IN RUSSIA?

CHARUNPHAN: ID DIDN'T ENTRUST HIM WITH ANY SUCH A TASK."

END EXCERPTS.  
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